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eliminated MIRF without any problem, only two no votes, and yet here we are still discussing the impact of our actions on smaller communities, when we had a great opportunity to reject that bill, and yet here we are. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I, too, support this, this amendment. It does give some relief to the smaller communities. But I'm still...and I will have to join the side of Senator Jones and Senator Vrtiska. You know, realistically, we're really not doing anything, you know, for the counties that had received some state aid. And the only resource that the counties are going to have is to go back to the property owners. And this is the one thing that we're trying to give property tax relief. So I'm in agreement with what's going on here. But I wish we could do a little bit more for counties. There are very few, matter of fact, I don't know of any county that has a county sales tax. We tried to pursue that in Platte County at one time, to establish a county sales tax. But if there's a municipality or a city or village that has a sales tax in your county, the county cannot have a county sales tax. There can only be one institution that can establish the sales tax. So...but I will support this at this time. But I wish we could go a little bit further and do something for the community...the county portion of it. We're really leaving them in the dark. So I'll return the rest of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Landis, there's no...there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your motion to return LB 622.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I counsel this. If you're looking for a break for Lincoln and Omaha and the first class cities, vote against this. If you are thinking of moving on to then starting something for the counties, vote against this, because it will just promote the same fight again, and we'll just be tied up. So if you...if this isn't enough and you want some more for counties, I'm not going to do any more, and this is the stopping place. But if this is a stopping place that makes some sense of rough justice